

amendments made thus far in the prosecution of this application, Applicants have included a clean copy of the pending claims which incorporate all amendments for reference by the Examiner.

Accordingly, because this response tends to all issues raised in the Office Action mailed March 20, 2000, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and that the application be allowed and passed to issue. Should any matter remain unresolved after entry of this Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the Applicant's representative at the phone number listed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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